GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MODERNISATION OF TELE-COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modernize the tele-communication system in the rural areas of the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TA SIKADAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) The Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) which is a public sector unit under the Department of Telecommunications has formulated a comprehensive plan to induct new technologies for rural telephony.

These are wireless in local loop (WLL), Centre for Development of Telematics point to multi-point system (C-DoT PMP) and satellite-based telephones for remote and inaccessible areas in the country over and above the conventional technology of under ground cables. These are being implemented in a phased manner. In addition, all exchanges are planned to be connected with reliable media.